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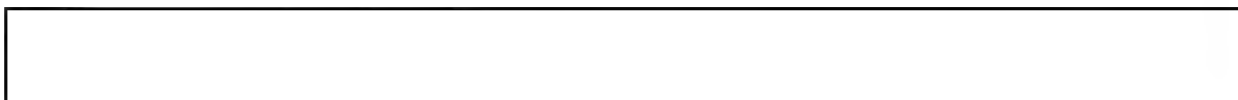
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*Dominican Republic: (Information as of 0430 EDT) The standoff continues between opposing elements of the armed forces as Communists and other extremists entrench themselves in the capital.

Rebel military and civilian groups retain control of Santo Domingo, where the indiscriminate distribution of weapons to the populace continued yesterday. [Most members of the Communist party in the city are reported to be armed, as are members of other pro-Castro groups.]

[Last evening Communist leaders were calling on the people to fight the attack which they expect anti-Bosch military forces under General Wessin to launch momentarily. Communists were [redacted] [redacted] preparing Molotov cocktails for use against Wessin's tanks. [redacted]

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The rebel "government," headed by Jose Molina Urena pending the return of former President Bosch, has announced the appointment of at least one Communist sympathizer to a "cabinet" post. The extreme left seems better organized than Bosch's own party or those elements of the military on his side. On the basis of his past record, it seems unlikely that Bosch would be able to curb his Communist support if he returns to power.

General Wessin, who remains determined to prevent Bosch's return, has thus far been restrained from a strong assault on the city by the hope that some agreement with rebel army leaders can be reached that would avoid serious bloodshed. He favors an interim military junta to govern until after presidential elections next September. [redacted]

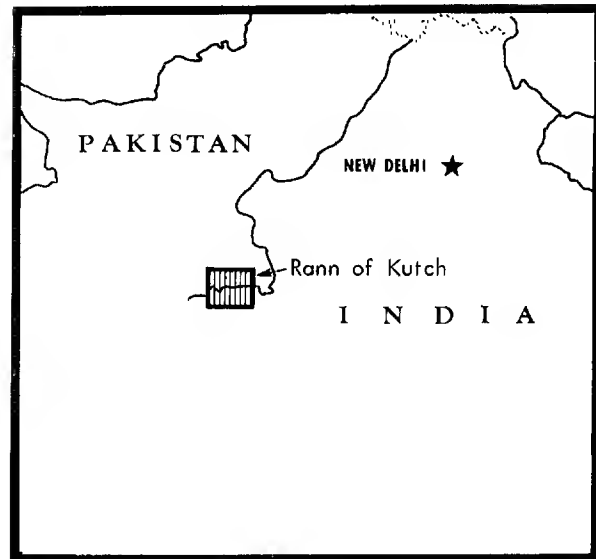
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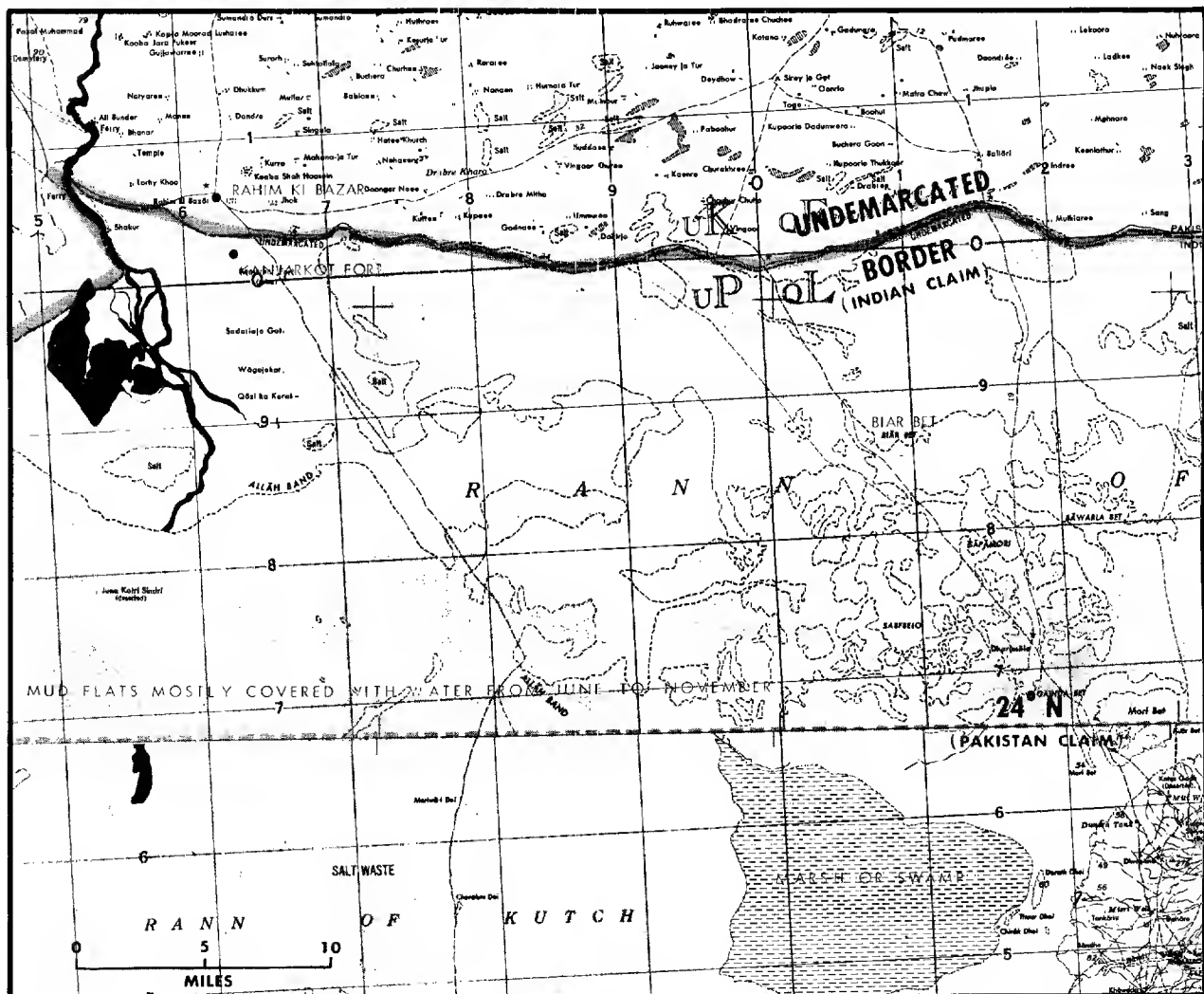
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Pakistani troops repulsed an attack by India's para-troop brigade yesterday and took "counteraction." India's Defense Minister asserts that Indian positions were attacked by Pakistanis in brigade strength.

Indian Prime Minister Shastri has again rejected a renewed Pakistani offer of a ceasefire based on mutual withdrawal from the disputed area, ruling out any formula calling for Indian withdrawal from territory considered by India as rightfully its own.

In the area of the fighting, Pakistani forces apparently still hold and are exploiting their military and terrain advantage, while publicly, Pakistan continues to play down the seriousness of the situation. President Ayub Khan has not broken his tour of East Pakistan, and yesterday, he described the situation in Kutch as a "useless quarrel."

In contrast, the Indians seem anxious to cover their poor military showing and their limited capabilities in Kutch with a barrage of propaganda and representations aimed at domestic and international opinion. The Indian Army has shown US officials in New Delhi aerial photographs, purportedly taken over the Rann, which show US-made M-48 tanks in action, in an attempt to refute Pakistan's persistent denials that tanks have been used.

Shastri, moreover, has held urgent and well-publicized consultations with high-ranking political

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and military leaders and has described the situation
in Kutch as "very serious."

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